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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VIP HOSPITALIZATION

1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION TO THE RECENT PLUSSES THAT HAVE BEEN GAINED FOR THE OVERALL ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE USG, STEMMING FROM OUR HAVING BEEN FORTHCOMING ON HOSPITALIZATION REQUESTS.

2. AS A PRIME EXAMPLE, GENERAL LOPEZ, THE SOMEWHAT DOUR COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMY, RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON LAST WEEK ALL SMILES AT THE TREATMENT HIS WIFE HAD RECEIVED AT WALTER REED. WITH THE HELP OF ADDRESSEES, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY ARMY SECRETARY CALLAWAY, THE USG PROVIDED TREATMENT FREE OF CHARGE. RATHER THAN AN EXTENSIVE AND COMPLICATED OPERATION, WHICH LOPEZ HAD FEARED, WALTER REED PHYSICIANS QUICKLY DETERMINED THAT MRS. LOPEZ HAD BEEN TAKING THE WRONG MEDICINES FOR 12 YEARS, PUT HER ON NEW MEDICATION, SENT HER AWAY FEELING MUCH BETTER, AND GAVE THE GENERAL A COMPLETE CHECK-UP TO BOOT.
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3. OUR POINT IS THAT, WHILE WE REALIZE THAT THERE ARE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AT USG FACILITIES, SUCH TREATMENT IS UNQUESTIONABLY ONE OF THE LEAST EXPENSIVE WAYS WE HAVE OF OBTAINING GOOD WILL FROM IMPORTANT INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM WE DAILY DEAL. IN THE CASE OF ECUADOR, WE REALIZE THAT OUR DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH ITS ARMED FORCES AND GOVERNMENT HAVE LEAD TO A RASH OF REQUESTS FOR HOSPITALIZATION. SOME WE HAVE DECLINED TO FORWARD, OTHERS WE HAVE ENDORSED. THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN FORWARDED AND APPROVED IN WASHINGTON HAVE HELPED US HERE, AND WE APPRECIATE THE PROMPT ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION WHICH WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES.
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